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Water Recycling Plants along Ganga River
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to set up 20 water recycling plants along the Ganga river;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the budget allotted/earmarked for the project; and
(c) the time by which the proposed plants are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c) The Cabinet, in its meeting held on 6th January 2016 has approved adoption of hybrid annuity based PPP model for the sewage treatment infrastructure under Namami Gange Programme with a view to address the following issues:

(a) assurance of desired levels of performance
(b) assurance of continued performance over long term,
(c) distinct accountability at entity level, and
(d) technical and financial sustainability.

Efforts are made to identify and develop a market for the treated water so as to reduce the demand on riverine fresh-water. This would result in enhanced flows in river Ganga. These steps are envisaged to start the process of responsible use of water in general and go a long way in mitigating the projected water shortage in the country. In th.is direction an MoU has been signed with Ministry of Railways for using the treated water wherever feasible. Negotiations are underway with various other ministries such as power, Industries, petroleum etc for use of the treated water wherever feasible.

No specific budget has been allotted/earmarked for the project. The cost of the project would be met through the funds allocated to Namami Gange. All projects under Namami Gange programme is scheduled to be completed by 2020.
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